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TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 1300 and 1400 on 14 April 1955, 4 flights were made by Yak-11s over the town area of Bautzen. Between 1230 and 1400 on 19 April, 6 flights over Bautzen were made by Yak-11s. Several aircraft simultaneously crossed over the town at 1515 and 1615.¹ 25X1

2. A truck picked up 500 to 600 copies of newspapers in front of the post office in Bautzen.² 25X1

3. At 1300, both on 14 and 19 April, there was intensive air activity at Bautzen-Litten airfield. A total of 24 Yak-11s were observed on the landing field on both days. Of these aircraft 6 were covered with tarpaulins and parked next to the tower-like barracks, 2 to 5 were continuously employed for air activity, and the others were parked in front of the hangars. The latter were surrounded by 50 to 70 men who apparently received instruction. Short local flights were made in rapid succession. The aircraft had their landing gears either extended or retracted. One tank truck was temporarily parked near the runway. A group of 5 to 10 men were usually seen around the taking off and landing aircraft. Eight motor vehicles, trucks and jeeps were seen near the tower-like barracks. No air activity was observed on 26 April. Seven Yak-11s were parked near the tower-like barracks. The hangars were closed.¹

4. The Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen was still occupied by about 450 members of the Aeroclub including:
 about 100 student pilots, apparently of 2 training courses
 30 flight instructors etc.
 200 auxiliary personnel and drivers
 20 women wearing uniforms
 100 guard and maintenance personnel for Bautzen-Litten airfield
 At 0800 on 26 April, 160 VPL men without weapons were lined up in a quadrangle in the yard of Husaren Kaserne. The officer in front was addressed as senior lieutenant. Individual VPL members, including women, came from the direction of the town. Six officers with a captain as ranking officer were observed.³

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The following motor vehicles were seen in the area of Husaren Kaserne:

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about 40 trucks
 " 8 sedans
 " 3 jeeps
 " 4 radio trucks
 " 4 tank trucks
 " 2 kitchen trucks
 " 2 busses
 " 1 fire truck
 1 trailer serving as command car, mostly coupled to a radio truck
 1 radio truck with glass cupola
 1 loudspeaker truck mounting 2 sets
 1 ambulance

6. Air activity and aircraft observed between 21 and 24 April: 25X1
21 April. Individual aerobatics were made at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.
22 April. There was intensive air activity by 8 Yak-11s which made local flights.
23 April. Flying was practiced by individual aircraft and elements of two.
24 April. No air activity was observed.

1. Comment. It is believed that Bautzen-Litten airfield is still 25X1
 occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Department of Bautzen Aeroclub and the 3rd Tech 25X1
 Base of the VdA. Yak-11s made practice flights along the usual pattern. Since
 mid-March, the number of trainers has increased at the field. A total of 24
 Yak-11s were observed on the landing field.

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3. Comment. The observations made in the military post correspond with
 available records.

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